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CHINESE ADVANCE IN NORTHERN BURMA

Japs Put Up Determined Resistance On Arakan Front

CHUNGKING, February 13. (Delayed.)

Sunday's Chinese War Communique says: "Following the capture of Taipha Ga, the Chinese expeditionary force in Northern Burma on Monday captured Kadjan Ga.

ON ARAKAN FRONT

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15.

TIDDIM: On the 13th February enemy positions west of Fort White were successfully shelled by our artillery, which also knocked out a bunker position further to the east says a communique issued from headquarters, South East Asia Command. Active patrolling by our forces continued north of Fort White. There is nothing to report from Mualbem.

ATWIN YCMAS: During the night 13th/14th February, Japanese troops made an unsuccessful attack on one of our positions north-west of Pantha.

JAPS CAPTURE ALLIED POSITION

ARAKAN: During the night 11th/12th February, our forces made a successful raid south of Maungdaw, killing 15 of the enemy. During the night 13th/14th February, enemy patrols were active in the Razabil area. On the 14th February, Japanese troops captured one of our positions south-west of Taung Bazaar after heavy fighting in which they suffered considerable casualties. Operations to clear our lines of communication are continuing and slow progress is being made against determined Japanese resistance and counter-attacks by the enemy.

In the Hukawng valley, Chinese troops are in contact with the enemy north-east of Taipha Ga and also five miles further south. An enemy position southeast of Taipha Ga has been surrounded. Chinese troops have continued their advance eight miles south-west of Taipha Ga without encountering any opposition, but they have made contact with the enemy still further to the south. Two Japanese captains have been killed recently during these operations.

R.A.F. fighter bombers and dive-bombers of the Tactical Air Force, Eastern Air Command, on 13th & 14th February attacked enemy positions in the upper Chindwin. Among the targets was a concentration of rafts near Homalin. Many of the rafts were hit and set on fire. A Japanese headquarters near Mawlaik was bombed and machine-gunned. Dive bombers also attacked Japanese positions south-west of Buthidaung.

Fighters shot up enemy transport, sinking and damaging rivercraft in the Mayu and Kaladan areas, and damaging locomotives and bridges on the railway south of Mandalay.

Later reports on the raid on Heho aerodrome by heavy U. S. bombers of the strategic air force on the night of 13th-14th February, reveal that the runways and dispersal areas were hard hit. Many fires were started.

On 13th February, U. S. fighters and fighter bombers of the Tactical Air Force attacked Bivouac and supply areas in northern Burma. A radio installation near Kamaing was destroyed, and heavy damage was caused to supply area.

From all these operations one Allied aircraft is missing.

Mosquito fighter-bombers, whose operations from India were announced officially yesterday, carried out their first offensive mission over Occupied Burma against the Japanese on Christmas Day. They were Nippon's Christmas present from the Royal Air Force.

Mosquitos, however, have been engaged since August last year on photographic reconnaissance of practically every enemy centre of activity in Burma. They have penetrated deep into Thailand, Shan States and the Andaman Islands.

GURKHAS SAVE TREASURE CHEST

ARAKAN FRONT: Fighting their way of a Jap ambush seven Gurkha riflemen, accompanied by a five-year-old Bengali boy—a waif whom their unit had adopted—for seven days forced their way through tangled jungle on the eastern slopes of the Mayu range to bring back to our lines the battalion treasure chest, containing several thousand rupees.

When I first saw them, writes an Indian Army Observer, I found the party still guarding the chest. They had arrived at a camp near Bawli Bazaar and were planning to return to their unit with the money.

EIGHT JAPS ARRESTED FOR ESPIONAGE

LONDON, Feb. 15: The Buenos Aires radio (Radio El Mundo) said to-day that eight Japanese subjects have been arrested in Rosario for being implicated in espionage activities in the Argentine.—Reuter.

ALLIES ATTACK JAP-HELD SIAR ISLAND

SYDNEY, Feb. 15: The attack on Siar island off Madang—the Japanese base on the north coast of New Guinea—which was reported in to-day's Communique from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters, was the biggest R.A.A.F. dive-bombing attack so far on any single target in New Guinea. The supply base on the island was destroyed by the bombers.

Reports from New Guinea confirm earlier suggestions that the Japanese are withdrawing their defences from the Madang area.—Reuter.

ARGENTINE TO DECLARE WAR AGAINST AXIS

MONTIVIDEO, Feb. 15.—Argentine is considering declaring war against the Axis because of the sinking of the ship, "Rio Iguazu" belonging to official merchant fleet.—Reuter.

INDIAN DEMANDS IN POST-WAR BURMA

SIMLA, Feb. 15

The subject of immigration again figured prominently at a subsequent meeting yesterday of the members of the Burma-Indian delegation, who conferred on Sunday last to formulate their demands for submission to H. E. the Governor of Burma.

It is understood that as a result of fresh discussions earlier amendment to the demand of free entry of Indians into Burma was dropped and substituted by another urging that Indians entering Burma should be granted the same rights and privileges as enjoyed by the people of Great Britain.

It is also understood that some members of the delegation will wait upon the Governor of Burma on Thursday next.

To organise Burma labourers, Mr. A. Narain Rao, a member of the House of Representatives in Burma and a Labour leader, in collaboration with other Burma Labour leaders is calling a conference of Burma labourers in Madras Presidency next month.

He will see Dr Khare, member, Indians Overseas Department, and Indian Labour leaders like Mr. Joshi before proceeding to Andhra.—A. P.

Armoured Freight Cars Of The Air For Far East

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15.

"We will have some armoured freight cars of the air in this theatre very soon", said Maj. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, Commander of all U.S.A.A.F. in India and of the Allied Eastern Air Command, in commenting to-day on the recent statement from Gen. Stilwell's Headquarters in China, in which it was asserted that an aggressive Allied land and air offensive projected from China's interior must be launched to support Admiral Nimitz's effort to establish bases on the Chinese mainland from which to attack Japan.—A.P.

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TOKIO CALL TO HOME FRONT

LONDON, Feb. 15: Tokio radio stated to-day: "If we can double or treble our air strength at Rabaul, we can easily smash the enemy. Our gallant airmen are always crying for more aircraft. Not only Japanese airmen in Rabaul but all Japanese soldiers at the front are asking for more aircraft, more food and more ammunition.

"The Japanese people behind guns can alone meet the demands."—Reuter.

SOVIET ADVANCE ON PSKOV

Manstein's Frantic Efforts To Rescue Trapped Divisions

LONDON, Feb. 15.

The Moscow Radio, quoting the "Red Star" correspondent major Olander, says to-day: "The German advance in the slight wedge which they forced at immense loss northwest of Zvenigorodka has been halted."

The Germans launched breakthrough attempts in a narrow sector in three waves. The first two were beaten off but in the third, the Germans succeeded in making a little headway until concentrated fire from Soviet anti-tank weapons brought the German tanks to a halt, the correspondent says.

Big Russian forces are to-day advancing along a 100-mile front across the marsh's plain between Pskov, the last German stronghold before Latvia, and Staraya Russa. Three forces are advancing on Pskov itself while another big column is moving south from Luga heading for the rail junction of Dno midway between Pskov and Staraya Russa. This force has pushed forward 30 miles from Luga in the past 48 hours.

About 20 miles still separate the encircled Germans in the Shpola trap from von Mastein's columns which are fighting outside the ring to force an escape corridor.

The trapped divisions appear to be trying to concentrate what is left of their forces in the south-west corner of the trap from which they are hoping to break out or be rescued by Manstein's tanks.—Reuter.

Polish Premier Held Up In London

LONDON, Feb. 15.—A 'communique' issued by the Polish Government today states that the visit to Washington of the Polish Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczczyk has been postponed on account of State affairs which require his presence in London.—Reuter.

GAEKWAR ON HIS COUNCIL'S ROLE

BARODA, Feb. 15.

An assurance that the well-being and interests of his people throughout the State had always been nearest to his heart and that he would spare no pains to ensure due measure of happiness, contentment and prosperity for his subjects, was given by His Highness the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda inaugurating the Baroda Assembly session yesterday afternoon.

His Highness referred to the food situation and said that the food problem, so far as Baroda was concerned, was on sound and satisfactory footing.

Referring to the administration of the State His Highness said: "I have come to learn with extreme regret that an atmosphere has been created that my Council is all in all. Let me assure you that this is not the case. This feeling I want to be removed from the minds of the public. With all the emphasis at my command, I want to tell you that no major decision is ever taken without my express approval.

Referring to the help the Dharma Sabha has rendered the Maharaja said: "I can assure you that your deliberations and advice have been of real help to me and my Government. It is your sacred duty as the representative of the people to bring to the notice of my Government any real and genuine grievances of my subjects."—United Press.

EGYPTIAN COTTON FOR INDIA?

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15

Government of India is taking active steps to purchase and import finer qualities of Egyptian cotton into India in the near future, I learn.

Complaints were recently made that, while there was no difficulty in obtaining lower varieties of Egyptian cotton, Indian mills were not able to get even a single bale of finer varieties of Egyptian cotton under the arrangement arrived at by Indian delegation last year. This was attributed to unwillingness on the part of Egyptian exporters and speculators who had been successful in covering all floating stocks to part with their hoardings except at fancy prices. The Egyptian Government had shown no interest and not brought any pressure on its nationals to sell cotton at reasonable prices. The Government of India on the other hand did not leave matters to Indian textile industrialists who might have been prepared to pay higher prices and add them to the costs. Holding out had had some effect and finer qualities at reasonable prices are likely to be made available to Indian mills at no future date.

Five Destitutes Die In Hospitals

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15: Five sick destitutes died in various hospitals in Calcutta and suburbs yesterday.—A. P.

LUCKNOW, Feb. 15: Nawab Mansoor Ali Khan alias Manjhoo Sahib Rammal died at the age of 109 at his Lucknow residence this morning after a short attack of paralysis. He belonged to the family of the late King Shuja Uddola of Oudh.—A. P.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (March)

New York, Feb. 15.

Previous Closing	20.63
To-day's Opening	20.62
Difference	—.01
To-day's Closing	20.56
Difference	—.7

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15.

The market continued quiet and the volume of business was limited. Government securities were unchanged.

Keezhariyur Bomb Case

K. B. Menon And 26 Others Committed To Sessions

CALICUT, Feb. 15.

The Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Calicut passed orders yesterday in what is known as the Keezhariyur Bomb Case, committing Dr. K. B. Menon, Secretary of the All India Civil Liberties Union, Bombay, and 26 others to stand their trial in the Sessions Court, South Malabar, for offences punishable under section 120-B read with sections 121, 435 and 436, Indian Penal Code and section IV of Ordinance III of 1942, also read with sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Explosive Substances Act and section 7 (A) and (B) of the Ordinance III of 1942.—United Press.

20 DETENUS RELEASED

MADRAS.—A further batch of 20 detenus including Mr. S. Suryanarayana Rao, Advocate, has been released by the Government in pursuance of their policy to release certain political prisoners.—A.P.

SURAT, Feb. 14: Mr. Ranadhir Prasannavadan Desai, a pleader, who was detained in the Nasik Jail under D. I. R. has been released unconditionally.—United Press.

FOUR ARRESTS AT MADURA

MADURA, Feb. 15.—Under orders of the Government of Madras four Congressmen were arrested under the Defence of India Rules and taken to Cannanore Jail for detention.—United Press.

MRS. LALWANI ARRESTED

KARACHI, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Kiki Behen Lalwani, a well-known Congress worker of Sind, was arrested here this morning under a warrant from Sukkur. She is being taken to Sukkur to stand her trial in connection with a speech she is alleged to have delivered at the Hindu-Muslim Unity Conference held at the village of Madeji last month.—A.P.

S. N. TAGORE'S PLIGHT IN JAIL

CALCUTTA: Mr. Saumyendranath Tagore, nephew of Poet Tagore, who was arrested in April, 1941 and detained in the Fategarh Jail in the United Provinces has recently been transferred to Bengal. He was, it is reported, ill and confined to bed in the Fategarh Jail for the last two months.—United Press.

Third Notice To Absconders

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 14.

The District Magistrate has issued a notice, warning for the third time nine Congressmen, who are wanted by the police in connection with the Civil Disobedience movement, to present themselves before the City Magistrate within a month on pain of being sentenced to seven years' imprisonment or fine or both.—A. P.

Under Defence Of Hyderabad Rules

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Feb. 15

Under sub-rule 25 of the Defence of Hyderabad Rules Messrs. Samdarzvi Ramnadhan and Syed Ibrahim have been prohibited entry or residence in Warangal for a period of six months. They have also been prohibited from associating with or taking part in any labour activities.

The Government communique adds that after much consideration orders have been issued, though Government still retains a sympathetic attitude towards the needs and interest of labour. Since there has been unrest and labour trouble in the Azam Jahi Mills and strike has been declared without notice, and as Government do not wish outside influence should complicate the situation, they have come to this decision. This order in question does not involve any change in the policy of the Government.—Orient Press.

Congress Election Petitions

PESHAWAR, Feb. 14.

It is understood that the election petition filed by the Congress in the recent City Muslim by election, has been accepted by the Governor; the dates and names of the judges will be announced shortly.

The other petition filed by the Congress regarding Suddam constituency has been rejected. It may be recalled that in both these constituencies, Congress candidates were defeated by the League candidates.—O. P.

COLLECTIVE FINE ON SATARA VILLAGE

The Director of Information, Bombay writes:

A collective fine of Rs. 500 has been imposed on Adhul village, in the Patan taluka of Satara District.

Muslims, Scheduled and Backward Classes, Government Servants, Civic Guards, ex-soldiers and the families of serving soldiers and all those who helped the Police in their investigations are exempt from payment of the fine.

NARENDRANATH & KUNZRU MEET MALAVIYA

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 15

Raja Narendra Nath of Punjab who arrived here this morning had a long discussion with Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya this afternoon regarding the proposed All-Parties Conference.

Pandit Gopi Nath Kunzru was also called for consultations. Sir Sijaya of Vipianagram is arriving here for discussions with the Pandit on February 18.—A.P.

RAJSHAHI, Feb. 15: Mangal Singh, a Congress worker of Darjeeling, was released from the Rajshahi Central Jail after serving out his full term of imprisonment for two years and seven months.—United Press.

WILL WAVELL SOLVE DEADLOCK?

Sir R. S. Sarma Expresses Confidence

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15.—Sir R. S. Sarma visiting Hollywood last weekend gave a dinner talk before the Committee of Foreign Relations at the University Club and also addressed the American Association of University women on Monday.

He gave a picture of what India represents to-day in the family of the United Nations and said that an army of two million volunteers in arms and six million men and women in factories and farms, demonstrating that India irrespective of caste, creed and political dissension, is on the side of the United Nations.

Interviewed by Reuter, Sir R. S. Sarma said that during his coast-to-coast-lecture tour in the United States he was greatly impressed by the remarkable interest taken by Americans in India.

SARMA'S OPTIMISM

His American audiences, he said, were delighted to hear the great impression that Lord Wavell had already made in India and the country's confidence in him to solve the present political deadlock.

Lord Wavell's informality, he said, his friendly and easy approach and human touch have already created a favourable impression among all classes in India and Americans particularly were interested in Lord Wavell's success in handling the famine situation. His American tour, Sir R. S. Sarma says, is a great experience to him and adds that he will bring home many useful suggestions for his Government.

CALLS ON CHAPLIN

He called on Charles Chaplin on Sunday and paid his respects to the comedian on behalf of all Indian fans. He also visited the residence of Mary Pickford and later in the evening called at the residence of Norma Shearer. On Monday he saw a picture being made at the Metro-Goldwyn Studios where he was the guest of many screen personalities.—Reuter.

Film Comedian Visits Burning Ghats

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The Film Comedian, Joe E. Brown, has just returned to the United States from his third overseas tour of 47,000 miles in which he entertained at army camps and hospitals on many fronts, including China, India, Middle East, South Pacific and Italy. He flew over the Japanese lines in China for 300 miles as well as making flights over the Ledo Road.

Brown said he was deeply touched at the sight of famine sufferers in the Calcutta area where he visited burning ghats and stricken communities.—Reuter.

DACCA DETENUS CHALLENGE NEW ORDINANCE

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15.

The validity of the Restriction and Detention Ordinance (Ordinance 111 of 1944) relating to ouster of the jurisdiction of the High Court is challenged before the Calcutta High Court in connection with a rule obtained by 176 Security prisoners from Dacca Central Jail in the nature of 'habeas corpus' against orders of detention passed under D.I.R. 26.

Before the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Lodge, counsel for the detenus questioned the validity of the provisions of Secs. 10 (1) and (2) of the Ordinance which 'inter alia' stated that orders passed under the Ordinance could not be called in question by any court and no court should grant any relief under Sec. 491 Cr.P.C. and that all pending rules under Sec. 491 should be discharged. He argued that section 10 of the Ordinance was a total ouster of the Superior Court of Records and this could only be effected by express language and the language must be the language of an act of Parliament. Under the purported exercise of granting certain executive powers to certain authority, the Ordinance in Sec. 10 (1) and (2) had attempted to deprive, amongst other objects, the Chartered High Courts of certain powers vested in them and in the judges by Royal Charter, Letters Patent and Imperial Statutes.

Hearing of the rule has not concluded.—A.P.

Released Detenus To Be Interned

LAHORE, Feb. 15.

In addition to Mr. Bhimsen Sachar, the Punjab Government have ordered the release of 20 other detenus, all of whom will be interned in their respective native towns after release.

They include Chaudhri Krishan Gopal Dutt, Deputy Leader of the Congress Party in the Punjab Assembly and Diwan Chaman Lal, M.L.A., both of whom were released on parole sometime ago, Mr. Feroze Chand, ex-member of the Servants of People Society, and Mr. Prithi Chand Nasar, Secretary of the All-India Spinners' Association, Punjab Branch.

LAHORE Feb. 15: Mr. Bhimsen Sachar, leader of the Punjab Assembly Congress Party, who has been detained under D.I.R. since August, 1942, was released from the Central Jail this evening. Shortly afterwards he was served with a notice restricting his movements within the limits of Lahore Municipality.—A.P.

WARDHA ASHRAMITE RELEASED

JUBBULPORE, Feb. 15: Mr. Munnalal Shah, an inmate of Wardha Ashram, was released last evening from the Jubbulpore Jail unconditionally after the cancellation of his detention orders.—United Press.

EXPLOSION IN MADRAS

MADRAS, Feb. 15.—There was an explosion caused by some material thrown by some unknown person from a passing train at Tambaram station platform on Monday evening. No damage was caused and none was injured. Police investigation is proceeding.—United Press.

AMERICAN TROOPS HOLD ONE-THIRD OF CASSINO

Allies Grant Three-Hour Truce To Nazis To Remove Their Dead

Reuters' special correspondent at Allied Headquarters North Africa.

It was unofficially stated here today that United States troops now hold one-third of the town of Cassino.

Three-Hour Truce

ALGIERS.—A three-hour truce was observed in the battle for Cassino on Monday to allow the Germans to gather their dead.

It was the second truce requested by the Germans in three weeks. Over 200 bodies were removed including 43 collected by the Fifth Army immediately in front of their positions and carried to a point midway between the lines.

The Bari Radio said last night: "It is officially announced that the Allies have regained all the territory lost since February 3 in the bridgehead south of Rome and that the positions reached have been consolidated."

The Radio added: "Advances north of Carroceto have been made. Supported by tanks, the Allies occupied a railway bridge. A battle is raging around the buildings of this place.

Mediterranean Allied Headquarters: To-day's 'communique' states: "Yesterday railway communications in Northern Italy were hit by escorted heavy bombers. Modena, Brescia, Ferrara, Mantua, Verona and Arezzo received the attacks. Perugua railyards and the port of Leghorn were bombed by medium bombers. Enemy lines of communication, supply dumps, motor and rail transport and shipping in the port of Ercole were all attacked by fighter-bombers.

Over the beachhead fighters maintained offensive patrols.

Off the Dalmatian coast shipping was attacked. During the day 21 enemy aircraft were destroyed. One of ours is missing. M.A.A.F. flew approximately 1,500 sorties. Enemy activity amounted to approximately 60 sorties.

Pressure was maintained against the enemy on the main Eighth Army front and on the beachhead.

Hard fighting continues in Cassino and a small enemy attack was repulsed on the Anzio front.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—"Flying Fortresses" laid string after string of high explosive bombs across the peak of Monte Cassino this morning, said a despatch to-day from the Fifth Army front. Great plumes of smoke rose over the monastery.—Reuter.

NAZIS TAKE TWO TOWNS IN CROATIA

LONDON, Feb. 15

The Free Yugoslav radio broadcast to-day's communique from Marshal Tito's headquarters which said that the Germans have captured the town of Ludberg and Koprivnica (both only a few miles of the Hungarian border) as well as several villages in the Croat Province of Pod Varina.

In Eastern Bosnia, Chetnik detachments operating under German Command between Gratanica and Vigelina have collapsed completely.—Reuter.

NEW DECISION ON YARN SALES

Distribution Margin Reduced To 15 Per Cent

BOMBAY, Feb. 15.

It has been decided on the recommendation of the Textile Control Board to reduce the distribution margin on sales of yarn from 20 per cent to 15 per cent. It will therefore not be legal for any one to charge more than 15 per cent above the ex-mill ceiling or contract price (whichever is lower) stamped on the yarn bundle, says a press note issued by the Textile Commissioner.—A.P.

FACILITIES FOR WHOLESALERS

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 15.—"Ceiling prices were fixed taking into consideration both efficient and inefficient mills so that an efficient mill may be able to sell below such prices," declared Mr. M. K. Vellodi, Textile Commissioner at a press conference to-day.

He said that the distribution of the margin of 20 per cent was found difficult to work in practice. It was therefore decided to fix the margin for wholesalers in manufacturing centres at four per cent. The different classes of wholesalers should now meet and equitably distribute this four per cent margin among themselves.

UNSTAMPED CLOTH

The unstamped cloth that was seized would be released as soon as the District Magistrates received the complete price lists from Delhi. It was advisable to get all cloth stamped as the consumer would demand price-stamped cloth. The accumulation of cloth in the manufacturing centres was due to transport difficulty which was only temporary. The difficulties arising out of the administration of the control orders were from time to time considered by Government who issued amendments, and it was open to all to make practical suggestions for the solution of any difficulty that was experienced.—A.P.

JUBBULPORE, Feb. 15.—A theft of Rs. 20,000 in currency notes was committed yesterday afternoon inside the premises of the Jubbulpore Branch of the Imperial Bank of India.—United Press.

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Pardivala Mistaken For Batliwala?

Munshi Argues In Lahore Contempt Case: Serious Allegations Against Police

(From Our Correspondent)

LAHORE, Feb. 15.

Mr. H. R. Pardivala, the young Parsi barrister from Bombay whose case is pending before the Lahore High Court against three officials of the Punjab C.I.D. submitted: "On November 12 C.I.D. officer came to my cell in Lahore Fort and asked me if I had stood for election for secretaryship of the Congress Socialist Party in 1935. I replied that the fact was that I had not stood for election. I was not even an ordinary member of the Party. The C.I.D. officer expressed suprise at my answer and asked if my wife Nergis was not working for the C. S. Party. I replied that I had no wife and in fact I was not married and informed him that the lady to whom he was referring was the wife of Mr. Batliwala, well-known political worker in Bombay."

MISTAKEN FOR BATLIWALA

In his arguments yesterday Mr. K M. Munshi, counsel for Pardivala, said that the Punjab C.I.D. had mistaken Mr. Pardivala for Mr. Batliwala.

Amidst loud roar of laughter in the court room in which their lordships also joined, Mr. Munshi further said that the Punjab C.I.D. had not only given their hospitality but a wife also to Mr. Pardivala even though he was a bachelor upto this time, which shows the reliability of the information the C.I.D. in Punjab gather.

SUPPRESSION OF PARDIVALA'S PETITION

LAHORE, Feb. 14.

The Contempt of Court case against Mr. E. W. C. Wac, Deputy Inspector General of Police, C.I.D. (Punjab), Mr. D. D. Robinson, Superintendent of Police, C.I.D., and Mr. Asdaq Beg, Sub-Inspector of Police (C.I.D.), arising out of the arrest of Mr. Pardivala, Bar-at-Law, of Bombay in the precincts of the Lahore High Court on November 9 last was heard today by a full bench consisting of the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Abdur Rahid and Justice Sir Abdur Rahman.

Mr. K. M. Munshi appeared on behalf of the petitioner while the respondents were defended by Mr. V. N. Sethi, Advocate, Lahore.

RESPONDENTS NOT PRESENT

At the outset the Chief Justice enquired of Mr. Sethi if the respondents were present in the court Counsel replied in the negative

The Chief Justice: "Why are they not here? they must be present in the Court to show cause why they should not be dealt with for Contempt of Court."

Counsel replied that he would send them a word and they would be in the Court in no time.

Arguing the case Mr. Munshi submitted that Mr. Pardivala came to Lahore on professional duty to present a petition before the High Court against the detention of Mr. Jai Prakash Narain. On the afternoon of November 9 last, he was arrested under Rule 129 of the D.I.R. while coming out of the Court room. He was kept in solitary confinement and was interrogated by the C.I.D. Officers. On Nov. 12, Mr. Pardivala handed over to Sub-Inspector Asdaq, a Habeas petition against his detention addressed to the Lahore High Court and two letters addressed to the Advocates General of Lahore and Bombay, complaining that he had been detained 'mala fide'.

Mr. Pardivala asked the Sub-Inspector to forward those documents to the D. I. G., for whom there was a forwarding letter. Mr. Munshi submitted that by withholding the Habeas Corpus' Petition, the three respondents had committed clear contempt of court as they had interferred with the due course of justice.

CHIEF JUSTICE'S QUESTIONS

The Chief Justice enquired of Counsel for the respondents as where those documents were. Counsel replied that those documents had been destroyed.

Justice Sir Abdur Rehman: Was the application addressed to the High Court also destroyed?

Mr. Sethi: Yes My Lord".

Justice Sir Abdur Rahman. Who destroyed them?

Counsel: Sub-Inspector Beg, My Lord.

Justice Sir Abdur Rahman: Under whose instructions did he destroyed it.

Mr. Sethi: Under the instructions of the Superintendent of Police, My Lord.

Counsel submitted that since the petitioner had been released, the police officers thought that there was no necessity to forward these documents.

Chief Justice: What right have you to destroy documents addressed to the High Court, the Advocate Generals of Punjab and Bombay. THIS IS VERY SERIOUS ALLEGATION.

Mr. Munshi submitted that this was a deliberate attempt on the part of the Police Officers to suppress an access to the High Court. The destruction of the petition showed that the Police Officers had no respect for this Court.

Chief Justice observed that it was for the Court to decide whether the petition was frivolous or infructuous. The Police had no right to arrogate to themselves the function of this Court

ROBINSON EXPRESSES REGRET

Mr. Robinson, Superintendent of Police, in the course of his affidavit submitted "that should this failure to forward these papers have caused the Honble High Court any inconvenience or annoyance I sincerely express my regret for it".

When Mr. Munshi pointed out to Their Lordships that it was conditional apology Counsel for the respondents rose and submitted that Mr. Robinson actually meant unconditional apology.

Further hearing was adjourned till February—17. A. P.

JAMIA MILLIA STUDENTS FOR ALIGARH UNIVERSITY

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14.

It is understood that the Central Government have appointed a Commission consisting of prominent educationists to report on the advisability of granting Jamia Millia students facilities for admission in Aligarh Muslim University. The Commission is expected to visit Jamia in March.

The Commission has been appointed on the suggestion of the Aligarh University.—O. P.

Collision Between Two Goods Trains

MADRAS, Feb. 15

A report has been received of a collision between two goods trains at Kavarapet, 25 miles off Madras on the Calcutta-Madras line on Sunday morning, as a result of which nine wagons capsized.

It appears that a goods train entering the station collided with another standing on the platform. The engine crews jumped out and escaped without injuries.

The authorities are enquiring into the causes of the collision.—United Press.

REVITALISE HINDUISM

Munshi's Address To Lahore Students

LAHORE, Feb. 15.

Presiding over the prize-giving ceremony of the D.A.V. High School this evening, Mr. K. M. Munshi said that Dr. Ambedkar the other day reiterated his threat of leading the Harijans into the fold of another religion. Hinduism, Mr. Munshi stressed, is built on too firm a foundation to be split up by political exigencies.

"Harijans" Mr. Munshi stated, "are blood of our blood; bones of our bones. But that fact does not exonerate us from the supreme duty of vitalising the fabric of our social and religious organisations by a quickening sense of equality".

Addressing the students, Mr. Munshi said, "Modern education as given in India has brought an inferiority complex among our educated men. Don't forget Dayanand never studied at a University And your education would be thoroughly useless, if at the end of your educational career, you do not acquire the self-conndence, the boldness, the wide expansive outlook of a virile race with a proud destiny before you."—A.P.

PAKISTAN, A "COUNSEL OF DESPAIR"

LAHORE, Feb. 15.—"The Pakistan scheme adopted by the Muslim League is a counsel of despair. It is nothing but a temporary phase which does not offer a permanent and effective solution of the Hindu-Muslim problem. The scheme in its attempt to solve the minority problem has complicated it all the more," said Mr. Syed Badarudduja, Mayor of Calcutta, addressing a Press Conference this afternoon. Explaining the Pakistan scheme, Mr. Badarudduja said that the sponsor of the scheme starts from the wrong position forgetting that unless there is free India there cannot be any Muslim India.—United Press.

Bombay Presidency Olympic Association

At a meeting of the General Council of the Bombay Presidency Olympic Association, the following office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee with Mr. J. R. D. Tata as President were elected:—

Vice-Presidents: Mr. N. M. Chinoy and Mr. D. M. Khatau,

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Members: Miss R. Salway, Profs P. M. Joseph and R. Choksi, and Messrs. R. F. S. Talyarkhan, B. Doctor, A. A. Jasdenwalla, A. F. Santosh, M. J. Vakil, B. A. Haldipur and Malhotra.

LAHORE, Feb. 15: The Punjab People's Convention will be held here on the 26th and 27th February, under the Presidentship of Rajni Mukerji from Bengal. Other delegates from outside the Punjab are also expected to attend and comrade V. B. Karnik is also expected to visit the Punjab.—Orient Press.

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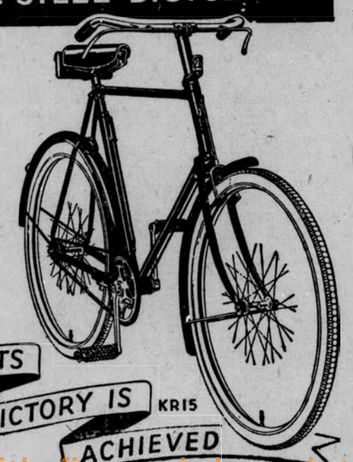

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To-day's Engagements

Domestic Occurrence

BIRTH

WADIA—On 15th February, 1944, at 'Claremont', Malabar Hill, to Dina, wife of Neville Wadia, a son

DEATH

REGISTRAR—Bai Avabai, eldest daughter of late Khan Bahadur Byramji Dadabhoy Registrar, widow of late Mr. Ardeshir Cursetji Gandhy, sister of Sir Maneckji Dadabhoy, died 15th February. Uthamna ceremony to-day at 4-30 p.m., Parsi Anjuman Fire Temple.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING: Meeting of the Standing Committee will be held in the Corporation Hall, to-day (Wednesday) at 2-30 p.m. (B.T.).

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Question and answer meeting, Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, to-day (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m.

DR. TSUI'S TALK ON CHINA: The Rev. Dr. H. H. Tsui, official representative of the National Christian Council of China, who is on a goodwill mission to India, will give a talk on China with special reference to the Christian Church in China, to-day (Wednesday) at 6-30 p.m. at the Nagpada Neighbourhood House.

SOUTH INDIAN BHAJANA SAMAJ: There will be a Harikatha Kalakshepam on "Vatsala Kalyanam" to-day (Wednesday) at 9 p.m. by Brahmasri Seshagiri Bhagavathar."

MAZDAZNAN LECTURE: On "The fundamental needs of Society", by Mrs. J. M. Miller at Mazdaznan Hall, to-day (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m.

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL MUSLIM YOUTH FEDERATION: Mr. Adam Adil will speak on "The Task Before the Muslim Youth" in the office of the Majlis-e-Ittihad-o-Taraqqi, to-day (Wednesday) at 6-30 p.m.

LECTURE ON PALESTINE: Under the auspices of the Bombay Zionist Association, Dr. E. Moses, will deliver a lecture on "Palestine Problem in Retrospect" to-day (Wednesday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Hall of the Association, 63-67, Medows Street, Fort.

BANTARA (NADAVARA) SINGHA: Jt. Hon. Secretaries state that in response to the appeal made by the Bantara (Nadavara) Singha of South Kanara to members of the community for funds to build a hostel for girls studying in South Kanara, a Committee was set up in Bombay, under the presidentship of Mr. K. Vittal Shetty. Members of the community and sympathisers are requested to give liberal donations when they are approached by the Commitee Members.

MRS. NAIDU LEAVES FOR HYDERABAD

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

After a stay of six days in the city, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, accompanied by her daughter Padamja Naidu, left Bombay for Hyderabad by the Madras Express to-day.

Among those who were at the Victoria Terminus to see her off were Mrs. Sophia Wadia, Mrs. Krishna and Mr. G. P. Hutheesing, Mrs. Suhasini Jambhekar, Mr. Harindranath Chattopadhyaya and Mr. Motichand Kapadia. She was loaded with garlands and bouquets.

12 Persons Injured In Lorry Accident

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Twelve persons were injured when a motor lorry carrying a full complement of passengers met with an accident and overturned this morning at 11-30 while proceeding towards Wadala, Bombay. The injuries received by some of the victims are said to be serious. All the injured persons were removed to hospital. The Kingsway Police are making enquiries.

Rani Of Gwalior To Open Women's Conference

The 25th Annual General Meeting and the 8th Annual Conference and Exhibition and sale of Women's Handwork will be held on Friday Feb. 18, to Tuesday February 22.

H. H. The Rani Saheba of Gwalior has kindly consented to open the Conference and the Exhibition.

PLACE:—Friday the 18th at the University Convocation Hall at 5-15 p.m.

From Saturday the 19th to Tuesday the 22nd morning, the Lecture Room, South Wing, 1st Floor (excluding Sunday).

Tuesday the 22nd afternoon sessions at the Dadar Bhagini Samaj Hall, Hindu Colony, 3rd Lane, Bhalchndra Road, Dadar.

Talks on various interesting subjects will be given by eminent, speakers like Mr. M. R. Masani, Mr. Motilal Setalvad, Mr. N. N. Pandia, Prof. C. N. Vakil, Prof. J. J. Anjaria, Dr. Jal F. Bulsara, Dr. F. N. A. Moos, Dr. K. S. Mhaskar, Lady Jehangir, Mrs. R. S. Choksi, Miss Lyra Ribeiro, Dr. Mrs. Sukthankar, Miss Shanta Bhalerao, Mrs. Babiben Mooljl Dayal, etc.

Sholapur Hotels Not Supplying Tea

(From Our Correspondent)

SHOLAPUR, Feb. 14

No hotel in Sholapur now supplies tea, because sugar has not been so far supplied to them by the Rationing authorities.

DACOITY AT KURWADI

At Kurwadi, a dacoity took place at the residence of Gulab Tamboli. At first, the dacoits threw stones at the house. Then they entered the house forcibly removed the ornaments from the person of women. While they were doing so, an ear of the wife of Gulab Tamboli was cut off.

For hoarding Nizam Government's silver rupees, Udgigar and Mitha have been arrested under the Defence of India Rules.

Tagore's Daughter-in-Law For Bombay

CALCUTTA, Feb. 14.

In response to an invitation from the Tagore Society, Bombay, to participate in the Tagore Week celebration there Mrs. Protima Tagore, daughter-in-law of Poet Rabindranath Tagore, and a party of the staff and students of Viswabharati are leaving today for Bombay accompanied by Mr. K. Roy, Assistant Secretary of Viswabharati.

The Party will stage 'Valmiki Pratibha' (the genious of Valmiki), an opera written by Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, when he was only 19. The Tagore Week celebrations in Bombay will extend from February 18 to 25.—A. P.

CUTTACK: The Premier of Orissa has contributed the entire pay and travelling allowances he has drawn during the period he has been in office to the Utkal University.—A. P.

"Editorials Contained Veiled Incitements To Violence"

Bengal Govt.'s Apologia For Muzzling "Amrit Bazar Patrika's" Voice

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15.

The order passed on "Amrita Bazar Patrika" on October 8 last, that "any matter-relating to economic conditions in Bengal, the food and supply situation, relief and distress and the civil defence services or organisations shall, before being published in "Amrita Bazar Patrika," be submitted for scrutiny to the Special Press Adviser, Calcutta, till further orders", was the subject of questions in the Bengal Legislative Assembly yesterday.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Home Minister, Khan Bahadur Mahomed Ali, replied in the affirmative to a question whether such an order was passed and whether by another order the printing or publishing within the province of Bengal of any document containing reference by way of comment or otherwise to the above order was also prohibited.

In reply to further questions, Khan Bahadur Mahomed Ali said that the order on "Amrita Bazar Patrika" was withdrawn on first December, 1943. He also replied in the affirmative to a question whether after the passing of the prohibition order, the editorial columns of "Amrita Bazar Patrika" were kept blank from October 14 for about 50 days. Government did not, however, stop the publication of editorials. They simply served an order asking that any editorial touching upon certain points should be submitted for censorship.

Khan Bahadur Mahomed Ali said that the prohibition order on "Amrita Bazar Patrika" was issued because it published two editorial articles which in the opinion of Government were subversive in nature and contained veiled incitements to violence.

In two editorial of the 28th and 29th September it asserted that the situation in Bengal was such that a revolution like that of Petrograd was inevitable. This offended against the Defence of India Rules.

The reasons for not allowing publication of the fact that such an order had been served on the paper was so that there might not be any comments or discussion over the points of the subject matter banned. It was to stop press agitation. Government did not think it necessary to go the extreme length of prosecuting the newspaper.—A. P.

CHALLENGE TO EVERY AMENDMENT!

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15.

Some excitement prevailed in the lobby over the statement made by Mr. Haren Ray Choudhury of the Congress Party (now suspended), declaring the party's intention to press every amendment proposed by them to the Bengal Agricultural Income-tax Bill as reported by the Select Committee, as a protest against the conduct of the Finance Minister in not replying to the debate which proceeded for a full day on the Party's motion for re-committal of the Bill to the Select committee.

When the House resumed discussion on the amendment for re-committal it was lost by 92 to 54 votes. Dr. N. Sanyal, Chief Whip of the Official Congress Party, also threw a challege to press every amendment moved by the Party.

Mr. T. C. Goswami, Finance Minister stated that he had not meant discourtesy to them or the House and thought he had already answered the points made by the Opposition while he moved consideration of the Bill. —United Press.

Nazimuddin Turns Down Detenus' Offer

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15

Thirty State and Security Prisoners of the Presidency Jail had offered on August 30 last to Government their joint services for the purpose of helping to minimise the sufferings of the people in distress in a communication to the Chief Minister of Bengal.

This was revealed by Sir Nazimuddin, Chief Minister in reply to a question in the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day. The Chief Minister, however, added that Government did not propose to accept their offer and he could not say whether these people really meant to serve the cause for which they applied for their release.

In answering a supplementary question, Sir Nazimuddin said that Government in their reply to the petitioners had informed them that they could not be released.—A. P.

"Film Aid Day" Collections For Bengal Relief

The President Ramakrishna Mission Ashram most thankfully acknowledges the receipts of the earninge of the following cinema houses of Bombay on the 6th December last in response to their appeal for the film aid day. He also thanks heartily the film artists and the Bombay students' Union for their helps and co-operation in Box collection. Any contributions sent to the Ramakrishna Mission, Khar, Bombay 21, will be most thankfully acknowledged:—Swastik Talkies Rs. 2,157-9, Metro Rs. 1,675-2, Eros Rs. 1,537-14, Super Talkies Rs. 1,502-8, West End Rs. 869-7, Aurora Rs. 826-4, Krishna Rs 744-10, Excelsior Rs. 740-13, Roshan Talkies Rs. 737-9, Regal Rs. 711-3, Empire Rs. 624-15, Lamington Rs. 599-2, Royal Opera House Rs. 584, Novelty Rs. 552-12, Kohinoor Rs. 534-11, Plaza Rs. 428-3, Majestic Rs. 399-10, Imperial Rs. 366, Apollo Rs. 349-2, Capitol Rs. 337-4, National Talkies Rs. 333-4, Hindmata Rs. 324-3, Chitra Rs. 309-12, Star Rs. 301-10, Alexendra Rs. 296-4, Palace Rs. 274-5, Edward Rs. 240, Roxy Rs. 227-7, Shirin Rs. Rs. 190-10, Central Rs. 184-10, Kamal Rs. 180-8, Minerva Rs. 112-12, Broadway Rs. 85-12, Alfred Rs. 60.

FIXED DONATIONS, Strand Rs. 200, Rex Rs. 200, Derby Rs. 100, Bandra Rs. 100, Radio Rs. 51. Cinema Total Rs. 20,050-11, Box Collection on the day Rs. 1,144-10-4, Total Rs. 21,175-5-4.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 14: By 92 to 4 votes the Bengal Legislative Assembly rejected today an amendment on behalf of the Bose Party in Opposition urging for the recommittal of the Bengal Agricultural Income-tax Bill to the same Select Committee.

Resolve Deadlock

Dahanukar's Appeal For A Gesture From Govt.

BOMBAY, Tuesday

Addressing the first quarterly general meeting of the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce to-day, Mr. M. L. Dahanukar, President of the Chamber, appealed to Government to make a gesture that would lead to the termination of the political deadlock in India. He said:—

"Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, the only member of the Congress Working Committee, who is free to-day, has authoritatively stated that Mahatma Gandhi and the other leaders have always been against the Japanese aggression. She has further stated that the Congress Working Committee had been anxious to come in a line with the United Nations and give co-operation. She has also suggested a way to end the deadlock by setting Gandhiji and members of the Congress Working Committee free.

Now the tide of war has definitely turned to the advantage of the United Nations on all fronts. To hasten the victory which all now definitely see, a pooling of resources, manpower and goodwill seems essential. Therefore, I think that now is the occasion for the Government to make a gesture by taking this step. The situation in the country to-day is vastly different from what it was over a year back and the risk, if any, can certainly be taken; not only this but I say it is really worth taking, in view of the great benefit that will accrue."

Referring to the food situation, Mr. Dahanukar thought that the food problem would persist for some years. "Every effort that may be made in this country towards increasing the food grains has naturally to be welcomed. The United States of America have actually increased their food production by a fairly good percentage during the last few years. I concede that in India an equal increase in the same period cannot obviously be possible due to various limiting factors and causes, all of which cannot be removed at once. We have perhaps to produce not only for our own population, but, to some extent even for others, and may be this too in our own interest."

Dewan Dismissed For Backing State Servants' Demands

(From Our Correspondent)

BHOR, Feb. 14

The State servants of Prachandagad Taluka have decided to go on strike, as a result of the rejection of their demand for increases in their salaries.

Clerks are paid Rs. 15 and sepoys Rs. 11 per month.

The ex-Dewan, Mr. Naik who had pleaded on their behalf with His Highness, and backed their demand, incurred the displeasure of the ruler and as a consequence thereof was dismissed.

LONDON REMITTANCES FOR INDIAN RELIEF

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14: Mr. N. M. Joshi in a statement to the press says he has recently received Rs. 10,000 from the India Relief Committee, London, and the total amount so far received from the Committee is Rs. 7,35,000.

The balance left after disbursements from the total is Rs. 79,000 and Mr. Joshi is arranging in consultation with Mrs. Pandit for disbursement from this balance.—A. P.

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Receipts will be given for the cards. These should be carefully preserved and on return to Bombay they should be produced at the Ward Rationing Office to get back the ration cards.

People going out of Bombay for two months or more will have to surrender their cards and when they return to the city, they will be given new cards on application.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Brutal appetites, enlightened selfishness, generous benevolence, and lastly the sense of duty, all these form so many gradations of power, each weaker in strength, but higher in authority, which constitutes the essence of moral conduct.

—M. G. Ranade.

The Bombay Chronicle

ALL PARTIES' CONFERENCE

Pandit Malaviya's optimism has always been phenomenal. Neither age has dimmed it nor his experience of British imperialism, neither the failure of the many recent conferences nor Government's reaction to Mrs. Naidu's reiteration of the policy of "no surrender." Realising perhaps that the darkest night heralds the dawn or perhaps to be prepared for suitable action in response to Lord Wavell's forthcoming address to the Central Legislature, he is convening a small conference of the leaders of all parties with the somewhat vague object of considering "what steps should be taken to improve the situation." He has invited the leaders of the Muslim League and such leaders of the Congress as are free. So far the League has flatly refused to enter into negotiations till what it calls the principle of Pakistan is accepted by the Congress and other parties, but it has not yet made clear the more important implications of the principle. If the League modifies this unhelpful attitude and consents to join the Conference without any prejudice to its demands, it will lose nothing but there may possibly be some gain to itself and the country. Similarly Congressmen who are free have so far refused to review the present situation either among themselves or along with other parties. But they can attend the conference though they will certainly not commit themselves to any change of policy before consulting the leaders in jail.

If thus all parties are represented at the conference, that itself will be no small gain. It will be something which has not even been attempted for several years past, whatever may be the results of the conference. The results will doubtless depend largely on the immediate object aimed at. If, for instance, the object is to formulate any constitutional proposals, we fear it will only mean inviting failure. If, on the other hand, the immediate attempt is to prepare the ground for constitutional negotiations, the results may be better, provided of course the proposals are clear. For ourselves, we have no hesitation in restating our view that the first essential to any successful negotiations is the release of Congress leaders, and this the Government who hold them prisoners know full well. From the point of view of even preliminary constitutional talks or the first step towards formal negotiations the least that is necessary is that Gandhiji and the other Congress leaders should be allowed to interview each other and to be interviewed by responsible leaders of other important parties. The need for this simple first step should be obvious to the whole world. This then should be the first and foremost demand of the proposed conference. But unless the British Government have changed, they may forbid even that. In that case all parties will be better convinced than they now are as to where precisely the hitch lies, who put it there, and why. And strong conviction may be of some use to those earnest people who are not going to be satisfied with academic discussions and resolutions.

It is noteworthy that attempts at a fresh approach to the problem are not confined to India. Several reports from London suggest that new proposals for a settlement are being formulated in England and that, in anticipation of their being acceptable to India, a proposal is seriously being considered to send to India an Industrial Commission composed of British manufacturers and bankers to study post-war possibilities for Indo-British co-operation "in planning a new security deal for India." If any new political proposals are really being considered they will be discussed only after they are published. But the mere fact that an Industrial Commission is being seriously talked of does not necessarily suggest that an early political settlement is assumed. It may be that the Commission is intended to divert attention from politics to economics and to cause a rift among the nationalist businessmen. We feel confident, however, that both these objects will be frustrated. Indian businessmen are by now convinced that there is no future for them without political freedom for the country. In their own interests, therefore, as well as those of the country they will continue to support the struggle for freedom and demand, as the next step towards it, the release of Congress leaders. Without that any Commission, industrial or political, is foredoomed to failure.

An Amazing Case

The last few issues of the "Kolaba Samachar", a Marathi weekly journal published at Pen and Thana, reveal a most amazing story of the sudden disappearance of Mr. Shridhar Ramchandra Kaprekar, a well-known landlord of Chowk, on the 29th of December last, of the suspicion of many that he has been murdered, and of the apparent failure of the local police to make prompt and adequate inquiries into the case. The facts of the case seem to be as follows: On the early morning of December 29, Mr. Kaprekar left his house for his village, a couple of miles away, but did not return home in the evening. As no trace of him was found even next morning, his brother went to Karjat, and gave the information to the Sub-Inspector of Police. A telegram was sent to the D.S.P., Kolaba, and he was personally contacted on January 2. In another interview on the 4th of January, the D.S.P. gave an assurance to the brother of Mr. Shridhar Kaprekar that an inquiry would be immediately instituted. On January 11, a certain person is reported to have appeared before the Sub-Inspector at Karjat and stated to him that he had seen some one assaulting Mr. Kaprekar. The man also made a statement to the same effect in writing at the Chowk Police Station. On the 12th the Sub-Inspector was informed about certain blood stains on certain rocks in the Jambirli-Aasra forest. It is also reported that on the 18th, a certain person told Mr. Mandlik, the well-known leader of Kolaba District, how he had seen with his own eyes the attack on Mr. Kaprekar. Immediately Mr. Mandlik sent the man to the Karjat Magistrate with a letter requesting for protection to the man, who made an affidavit before the magistrate stating everything he had told Mr. Mandlik. Mr. Mandlik then sent copies of the same to the District Magistrate of Kolaba and the Deputy Inspector General of C. I. D. at Poona. On January 22, Mr. Mandlik received acknowledgement of his correspondence from the Poona Police Officer in which the latter said that all papers had been sent to the Kolaba Police for further steps being taken.

Strangely enough prompt and adequate steps do not seem to have been taken by the Kolaba Police to make a searching investigation into the case, which is suspected by many to be a cold-blooded murder. Even if there is no sufficient ground for suspecting murder, the disappearance of a well-known landlord in the circumstances mentioned above, followed by affidavits suggesting a possible murder, demands a serious inquiry by competent senior C.I.D. officials. If such an inquiry has already been instituted some particulars about it should be vouchsafed to the public. The people are naturally afraid that, if there has been an organised crime and if it goes undetected, it will be a serious menace to the district.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Red Army's Sweep

The fighting on the Russian front is following the familiar pattern set by the Red Army. While by superhuman efforts Manstein is trying to stave the final collapse of the southern front and is clinging to his Odessa-Warsaw life-line, the main Soviet blow is again switched to the Leningrad front. The sensational fall of Luga seems to have seriously upset the German strategy and they are faced with the prospect of being completely thrown out of the northern sector. The Red Army is already within thirty miles of Pskov and its rapid advance has put into jeopardy the entire German lines from Pskov to Staraya Russa and from Staraya Russa back to the west of Novo Sokolniki. The far-reaching consequences of the latest development can be seen in Finland. Though there is no authoritative confirmation of the peace feelers, the reactionary Government of that country seems to have now no other alternative before it.

Situation In Italy

Though it cannot yet be asserted that the threat to the Anzio beachhead is finally removed, it is at any rate obvious that the critical situation is temporarily eased. The Fifth Army has definitely beaten the first violent onslaught of Kesselring and the change in weather should help it to unload the necessary reinforcements. Kesselring on his part will profit by the present lull to regroup his forces and he can be trusted to try his utmost to pluck this thorn from his flanks. On the main Fifth Army front, the bitter struggle for Cassino is still going on and it looks as if that city is going to prove a miniature Stalingrad. General Clarke seems to have decided to launch a frontal attack on the Monte Cassino Monastery, which the Germans have turned into a bastion regardless of its sacred character. Though one appreciates the tremendous difficulties that lie on the road to Rome, the need for occupying that city is more than pressing now for reasons of Allied morale as well as strategy. Will General Alexander succeed in doing so before the main second front blow is delivered in the West?

J. K. Review

The January number of the "J. K. Review" contains several informative articles of special interest to the students of Indian economics. One of these is on "A Scheme in India on the lines of British Beveridge Scheme in England" by Lala Ram Ratanji Gupta M.L.A. (Central). Prof. V. K. R. V. Rao gives a Review of the Gregory Committee's Report on food supply, and Dr. B. R. Shenoy writes on The Post War Boom. The number also contains up-to-date statistics of industrial production in India with regard to cotton, jute, wheat flour, paper, sugar and matches. The magazine is edited and published by A. T. J. Kurien at Cawnpore. Its annual subscription is Rs. 5.

OPPOSITION TO MERGER SCHEME

BY MAHIPATRAM H. JOSHI

There is a countrywide opposition against the merger scheme of smaller States with adjoining bigger States in India. While the orders of application with regard to the scheme were issued by the Crown's Representative's agent, some of the chiefs, Jagirdars and Talukdars came out with revolt. Their attitude can easily be described as uncompromisingly correct because they apprehend that their autonomous powers in their jurisdiction would disappear and they would be nowhere in political power. Their liberty to pass orders and certain other things would slip out of their hands and they will have to live on the mercy of bigger States with which they will be attached.

These Thakores and Talukdars are opposing the scheme and spending money in large quantity in going to court against the executive of different agencies and bigger States. It is also reported that a group of some of the Jagirdars intend to publish a paper and advance their case as far as possible.

Whatever may be done in the sphere of opposition, an important question arises at this time as to what they have done for their subjects till now? What are the conditions of their farmers? How many schools and public services are in their States, Jagirs and Talukas? What have they spent for public health and other purposes including smaller roads for cars, etc.? The most amazing fact is that, there are a few Jagirdars and Talukdars who know how to run administration efficiently and there are still fewer who have got resources to conduct administrations to the standard.

Besides these, whenever there has been popular opposition or dissatisfaction exclaimed towards their defective administration, it was suppressed by all available jurisdictional and political powers. With all these, they have come out to safeguard their autonomous powers. Whatever technical implications of law might come in the way of this merger scheme it can easily be modified by experience of application of the scheme.

The heads of smaller States, Jagirdars and Talukdars are opposing the said scheme but there is no popular opposition.

It would be a welcome step to bring into existence the scheme contemplated, by the British Government in whatsoever suitable form.

Seth F. C. Banaji Anniversary Celebrations

In order to celebrate the 93rd death anniversary of late Sheth Framji Cowasji Banaji, a gathering was held at the Lamington Cinema, on Sunday morning. After a joint prayer, a film giving the views of the site, etc., of the proposed Uran Colonisation scheme for Parsis, founded by Mr. Behman S. Banaji, was shown, followed by the showing of the popular film of "Bhaktara" which is now running for the public shows, at the same theatre, which was much appreciated—a devotional film best suited to the occasion. Over 800 persons including students saw this film, free of charge Mr. Banaji, one of the promoters of this gathering, thanked Mr. Homi F. Daji for helping him also Messrs. Billimoria and Bharucha, proprietors of the Lamington Cinema for exhibiting the film free of charge.

Convicted Of Cheating

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Kania and a Common Jury)

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Eknath Tukaram Thakore .. Accused

The accused was charged with having cheated three persons in April and June last of gold ornaments, on depositing on various pretexts, articles by way of security which the person cheated subsequently discovered to be spurious.

The Jury found him unanimously guilty of cheating on all three charges. His Lordship sentenced him to two years' rigorous imprisonment on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently, and classified him as a habitual criminal.

Mr. H. J. Chinoy instructed by the Public Prosecutor appeared for the prosecution.

Mr. M. J. Gordhandas defended the accused.

INDIAN COMPANIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—II

(By JAGMOHANDAS J. KAPADIA)

The other amendments seek to tackle the evils arising out of capital structures of banking companies and voting rights attached to different classes of shares. They are incorporated in new sec. 277I which is to be substituted for the existing section bearing the same number. Subsec. (1) of the new section is substantially the same as the existing section. Sub-sec. (2) is newly added and runs as follows:—

A scrutiny of provisions regarding capital structures of banking companies and voting rights of different classes of shareholders.

"277I(2).—No banking company, whether incorporated in or outside British India, if incorporated on or after the 15th day of January, 1937, shall, after the expiry of two years from the commencement of the Indian Companies (Amendment) Act, 1944, carry on business in British India unless it satisfies the following conditions, namely:—

(a) That the subscribed capital of the company is not less than half the authorised capital and the paid up capital is not less than half the subscribed capital, and

(b) that the capital of the company consists of ordinary shares only, or ordinary shares and such preference shares as may have been issued before the commencement of the Indian Companies (Amendment) Act, 1944, only, and

(c) that the voting rights of all shareholders are strictly proportionate to the contribution made by the shareholders, whether a preference shareholder or an ordinary shareholder, to the paid up capital of the company."

It will be seen that the sub-section is made applicable to all banking companies including foreign companies incorporated on or after the 15th day of January, 1937, that is to say, when the Amendment Act of 1936 came into force. This date seems to have been chosen as it was since the commencement of the Amendment Act that undesirable methods in regard to capital structures of banking companies came into vogue on a large scale.

These banking companies are, after the expiry of two years from the commencement of the new Act, debarred from carrying on business in British India unless the conditions specified in the above clauses are satisfied. At first sight this provision may look drastic but it has to be remembered that it is due to the scandalous methods followed by some of the promoters in regard to capital structures and voting rights of different classes of shareholders.

SHARE CAPITAL

Clause (a) is designed to establish some relationship between authorised, subscribed and paid up capitals 'inter se.' Recently, there have been several instances of banking companies established with astronomical figures of authorised capital which have given the public a false impression of the status and importance of these companies. There is also the other factor to be borne in mind, viz., that a large portion of unpaid capital might prove an illusory safeguard in that shareholders or their heirs may find it difficult to discharge the unpaid liability.

Clause (b) gives effect to the principle that the share capital of a bank should consist of ordinary shares only. The issue of deferred shares in a bank is indefensible; with regard to preference shares, the possibility of issuing them with high dividend rates is always there. Although the clause in question will have the effect of eliminating shares other than ordinary shares, it is surprising that no attempt has been made to provide for any machinery for bringing about an equitable adjustment of the claims of those shareholders who are sought to be eliminated, in the event of disagreement between them and ordinary shareholders. It will be realised that preference and deferred shareholders could only be eliminated through schemes of capital reduction or reconstruction. It will not be possible to carry through these schemes without the consent of the shareholders concerned. Thus the absence of any provision in regard to machinery of the kind mentioned above constitutes, in my opinion, a grave lacuna which must be filled up in the interests of all concerned. There should be no objection to the insertion of suitable provisions authorising the Reserve Bank of India to arbitrate on all questions of disagreement.

VOTING RIGHTS

Clauses (c) regulates voting rights according to capital contribution. The conferment of disproportionate voting rights in favour of deferred shares of a comparatively smaller value as compared with the ordinary shares, the issue of non-voting preference shares even though the dividend may fall into arrears and the issue of partly paid shares of smaller amounts possessing the same voting rights as fully paid ordinary shares, constitute some of the worst scandals in the field of Indian banking that have come to light in recent years. Clause (c) is designed to remove these scandals. It should not be supposed that with the elimination of preference and deferred shares the clause would be valueless. In my opinion it will continue to function usefully in those cases also where ordinary shares have been issued with different amounts paid up thereon as in the case of the Bharat Bank Ltd.

It is likely that vested interests will be vociferous in crying down some of the amendments. It is, however hoped that Government will remain alive to the past lessons and the fundamental fact that several company promoters, assisted by their legal advisers, have always been quick to adopt methods repugnant to the best intentions of the legislature. The fact remains that this Bill would not have been necessary if the Amendment Act of 1936 had not been evaded. If anything, the Bill requires to be strengthened by providing that existing appointments of managing directors and managers which have already run out the five years' period should be brought before the shareholders for confirmation.

INSURANCE COMPANIES

In conclusion, I cannot help urging upon the attention of Government the desirability of enacting similar legislation for insurance companies as well. An insurance company is as much a credit institution as a banking company. It was for this reason that the managing agency system was abolished in both these classes of companies. Anyone conversant with the conditions prevalent amongst insurance companies to-day will have to admit that the structure managements of these companies have, of late, been found to suffer more or less from the same objectionable features as are prevalent in banking companies. It is, therefore, the duty of Government to look into this matter and bring forward a similar Bill with a view to put the management and structures of insurance companies on a sound and healthy footing.

(We regret that through inadvertence the name of the writer of the article, Mr. Jagmohandas J. Kapadia, was omitted in connection with its first instalment which appeared in our issue of the 15th inst.—Editor B.C.)

Wanted National Government For Economic Planning

J. R. D. Tata Is Not Afraid Of State Control Of Industries, If It Will Uplift Masses

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

"The measures required are so comprehensive and in some cases so drastic that only a Government founded on the will of the people, enjoying the confidence of the people, and imbued with the urge and determination to improve their lot could carry them through. The form of Government we have had for nearly two centuries could not possibly succeed in such a task."

Thus observed Mr. J. R. D. Tata, addressing the Rotary Club this afternoon on the fifteen year plan of Economic Development for India of which he is one of the authors.

"Climatic disabilities, the erosion of our soil, the progressive loss of vitality, the massive increase in population, the political subjection and economic degradation of the people, have brought the Indian nation to a stage where, like a patient exhausted by a long illness, it lacks the vitality and the capacity to fight back to health unaided," said Mr. Tata. "The progress towards recovery that could be achieved in the natural course of things would be too slow. We cannot wait a hundred years or even half that time. There is no margin of safety left, as the present tragedy in Bengal has shown us. India will soon reach fateful crossroads. One road, to which our memorandum points, the road of a planned and vigorous economic expansion, will lead her to rehabilitation and prosperity. The other, which we may call the road of 'laissez faire,' along which her economic evolution would be allowed to take its own course, will lead her to famine, chaos and despair."

Mr. Tata paid a warm tribute to the work of the National Planning Committee which under the leadership of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had given a lead in the direction of planning.

"The real and basic economic need of India," said Mr. Tata, "is not so much to reconstruct as to construct. In more advanced countries, the long-term problem is principally that of achieving a more equitable distribution of a very handsome national income; here in India we have to create enough wealth to go round, before we can ensure that everyone gets a fair share of it. To-day that share for most of our long-suffering people is a share of poverty and misery. Our task, therefore, is to build up our economic structure from the bottom".

He pointed out that the memorandum itself showed that the problem of distribution and of the role of the State had not been ignored, but had been reserved for a further study and would form the subject of a subsequent report. "Without committing the authors in advance of their next memorandum," declared Mr. Tata, "I can tell you that they are not considering the problem of State control from a narrow capitalistic point of view. To the extent they find that State control of industries and even ownership of some industries are essential for the achievement of a rapid rise in the general standard of living of the masses, they will not hesitate to recommend it."

Mr. Tata emphatically rejected the suggestion that it would be wrong for India to aim at rapid and extensive industrialisation and that she should concentrate on agricultural development. The plan had by no means neglected an increase in agricultural production, and even at the end of fifteen years, agriculture would still provide the largest single contribution to the national income. At the same time, India was still at such a primitive stage of industrialisation that the five-fold increase suggested could hardly be considered excessive.

MOHAN-JO-DARO TO BE PROTECTED AGAINST FLOODS

KARACHI, Feb. 15: The historic ruins of Mohan-Jo-Daro which lie in the vicinity of the Indus along its lower reaches in Larkana District are to be adequately protected against any danger from floods.

The Indus River Commission which has just concluded a two-day sitting in Karachi decided to address the Government of India on the subject in order to completely encircle Mohan-Jo-Daro with a protective ring bund.—A. P.

STEAM COAL & HARD COKE PRICES

The following maximum prices for steam coal and hard coke have been fixed by the Government from February 11:—

STEAM COAL: Wholesale, Rs. 39-8 a ton, ex-depot of the seller (loose).

HARD COKE: Wholesale, Rs. 52.8 a ton for sales of 10 cwt. and over, ex-depot of the seller (loose). Retail, Rs. 3-4-0 per cwt. for sales of less than 10 cwt. ex-depot of the seller (loose).

These prices are exclusive of cooly and cartage charges, which may not exceed Rs. 6 per cartload for delivery within a radius of five miles from the seller's depot, and "pro rata" for any additional distance.

Amending Bar Councils Act

Move Against Penalising For Political Opinion

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15

To safeguard the rights of advocates and legal practitioners who are penalised for giving expression to political opinions, is the object of a Bill to amend the Bar Councils Act and the Legal Practitioners' Act which Mr. V. T. Krishnamachari, Nationalist Member of the Central Assembly is tabling.

A statement of objects and reasons of the new Bill says:

"An amendment to the Bar Councils Act and the Legal Practitioners' Act has been made necessary by the action taken by certain High Courts in striking off the names of advocates from the rolls of Bar Councils, because of convictions by criminal courts for political opinions held by such advocates and for acts committed by them in the course of giving expressions to such opinions. It is felt by responsible members of the Bar Councils that in the face of the present wordings of the Bar Councils Act and the Legal Practitioners' Act, nothing can be done to prevent High Courts from taking such actions." The inequity of a person being deprived of his livelihood for political opinion held by him, is understood by all people in this country and in order to obviate the difficulties experienced by the members of the legal profession, Mr. Krishnamachari has given notice of the amending Bill.—United Press.

Maxwell Episode In Council Of State

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15

The Budget session of the Council of State began to-day with a brief sitting during which formal business was transacted, and the President Sir Maneckji Dadabhoy made references to members past and present who had received honours recently.

As he was paying a tribute to the services of the Home Member, Sir Reginald Maxwell, who was once a member of the Council, Pandit H. N. Kunzru interrupting remarked: "I take it, Sir that this is purely a personal expression of opinion on your part."

Sir Maneckji said that as members knew, it was usual for the President to express his opinions of matters like this. "Some individuals" he added, "May differ from what I say: but I have only to take the long-standing practice into consideration and go by the general opinion which I believe a large majority of members of this Council have in this connection."

Pandit Kunzru: I made this remark with reference to what you said about our appreciation of his long and great services to India.

The President: I have said that some members may differ. We all differ in this country on many important points. But that is no reason why this Council should lag behind in the matter of appreciation of the good services of a person who is about to retire.

After references to other members, the President adjourned the House till to-morrow, when the Railway Budget will be presented.—A. P.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS OF DENA BANK

The seventh annual report of Devkaran Nanjee Banking Co., Ltd., for the year ended December 1943, shows a net profit of Rs. 2,49,544, after allowing various readjustments expenses from a total gross profit of Rs. 9,57,165.

After writing off Depreciation and Branch opening expenses, a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent is declared and Rupees eighty thousand are taken to Reserve Fund and the balance of Rs. 1,06,717 including provision for Income Tax is carried forward.

The progress of the Denabank is satisfactory with 18407 accounts against 7,350 last year and total working funds now stand at Rs. 4,23,08,713 against Rs. 1,52,81,494. The Bank has a net work of offices in the Presidency totalling now 24 which yielded good results. The investments have considerably increased and are well-divided in Government Securities and Selected Shares and advances show major portion against Government Securities and marketable shares. With substantial amount of cash on hand and at Banks, high liquid position is maintained.

The steady increase in deposits is a proof of effective public co-operation and the management is careful in providing all banking facilities and quick service to its large numbers of clients.

SOPHIA COLLEGE DEBATE IN SENATE

With reference to the Report regarding the discussion in the Senate, on Saturday the 12th, in connection with the Sophia College affair, our attention has been drawn to an important Nota Bene on the Agenda Paper of that day. The Note says:

"The Syndicate resolved at their meeting held on the 15th January, 1944, that the above quoted resolution standing in the name of Dewan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri be not moved in the event of the motion for disaffiliation, (which is the first item on this agenda) being passed, as to do so would amount to asking the Senate to pass two inconsistent and contradictory motions, one after the other, at the same meeting. Members of Senate are therefore informed that the motion standing in the name of Dewan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri will only be moved in the event of motion No. 1 not being passed."

Because of this note, many members of the Senate felt that the second item on the agenda, viz., the motion for the continuation of the affiliation would not be allowed to be taken up if the motion for disaffiliation was passed. This would be so, not only because the Syndicate had resolved not to have item No. 2 moved, as recommended by them, if the motion in item No. 1 was passed; but also because, as a matter of consistency, the Senate could not, in one and the same meeting, pass two mutually contradictory and inconsistent resolutions. The Chair, it was also thought, would not permit even the risk being taken whereby the Senate might be placed in a self-contradictory position.

The vote on item No. 1, viz., that relative to the Disaffiliation of the Sophia College, was taken late in the evening at about 7-15 p.m. Many members from the mofussil who had voted for disaffiliation left the Senate after the result of the ballot on the Disaffiliation Motion was known. It was, therefore, in a relatively thin house that the motion for continuing the affiliation for three years 'without prejudice to item No. 1', was taken up and adopted.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14.

During question time in the Assembly to-day, the Home Member's reply to Sardar Mangal Singh's question on alleged ill-treatment of certain detenus in the Punjab said:

"Sardar Sardul Singh Caveeshar, Lala Shankar Lal of Delhi and Mr. Dwijen Bose were kept in the Lahore Fort for interrogation under the orders of the Punjab Government at the instance of the Government of India. They were not maltreated. Sardar Sardul Singh Caveeshar and Mr. Dwijen Bose submitted representations about their alleged maltreatment in the Lahore Fort, but as the allegations were baseless, no action was taken by the Punjab Government."

Question: Do Government propose to allow members of this House to visit the Lahore Fort and to see for themselves in what conditions the Government of India's detenus who were sent to that place are kept, and do Government propose to allow members of this House to see such detenus in the Lahore Fort and enquire from them about their treatment there?

Answer: It would not be in the public interest to allow this at present.

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Rationing has been introduced in Sind.

Barwheat will follow!

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Kerosene ration cards have been distributed in Bombay city.

Pouring oil over troubled waters?

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Principal A. A. A. Fyzee moved that "in the opinion of the House it is desirable that there should not be affiliated Colleges, Societies, Associations or Clubs, based on communal, religious or racial lines".

Sir Vithal Chandavarkar rose to a point of order that the resolution fell beyond the scope of the University Act.

—Senate proceedings.

The Ex-Vice-Chancellor presumably meant that while communalism is within the scope of the University Act, anti-communalism is beyond it!

And by ruling the resolution out of order, the present Vice-Chancellor seemed to agree!

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The Archbishop of Westminster asked the members of the Catholic Parents' Association to pray for the Pope whose present position he described as "the most difficult of any living man."

But surely not more difficult than the position of his ex-friend Benito Mussolini!

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The Pope, said the Archbishop, had and tried hard to prevent the war and denounced the Nazi invasion of occupied countries.

But, of course, there was no necessity for him to try to denounce the Fascist invasion of Abyssinia, for the Abyssinians are Blacks—even if they are Christians!

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NEW DELHI, February 14: It is understood that when Sir Feroz Khan Noon, Member, Defence Department, goes as a member to the War Cabinet in London, there will be no vacancy in the Viceroy's Executive Council, and one of Sir Feroz's colleagues will carry on the duties of Member, Defence Department, in addition to his own.—A. P.

Which just shows how important and arduous the duties of the Defence Member are!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS (Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *Sophia College authorities have decided to move their institution to Goa.*

(2) *Following the Sophia College affair, the University Senate will decide to disaffiliate all educational institutions run on religious, communal or denominational lines.*

(3) *Hindu Mahasabhites picketed the house of the leader of the Congress Municipal Party only to prove to the Muslim League that really there is no difference between the Mahasabha and the Congress!*

(4) *The "Times of India" has published the report of a party given to Mrs. Naidu in the same "Social and Personal" column as Government House News—as a gesture of goodwill!*

MAHARASHTRA UNIVERSITY WILL GERMINATE COMMUNALISM

Provincial League Protests Against Its Establishment

BOMBAY, Feb. 14.

A General Meeting of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League was held yesterday. Mr. I. Chundriger presided. It was largely attended by members from all over the province. Mr. Abdul Kadir Khan and Zari were elected Vice-President and Joint Secretary respectively. Ten more members were elected to the Working Committee including Miss Fatima Jinnah and others.

Dr. Kazi's resolution about Bengal relief was referred to the Working Committee to take necessary action after getting the true facts from Bengal. The resolution about constructive programme moved by Dr. Kazi was unanimously passed.

Another resolution of Dr. Kazi making Urdu the official language of the Provincial League was also passed. A resolution moved by Mr. Kadir Khan protesting against the establishment of Maharashtra University was also passed. It was said that the said University would be a Communal University as education will also not be imparted there through Urdu and no adequate provision has been made for Arabic, Persian, Urdu and Islamic culture.—O. P. I.

Imports Tell On Price Of Punjab Wheat

LAHORE, Feb. 15

It is learnt from official sources in Lahore that the landed cost of Australian wheat at an Indian port is Rs. 7/5 per maund.

The import of wheat into India has reacted on the price of wheat at Lyallpur, which has fluctuated during the past few days between Rs. 5/8 and Rs. 7/8 per maund.—A. P.

DHANBAD, Feb. 13.—The Indian Mining Federation has nominated Dewan Bahadur D. D. Thacker to be a member of the Fuel Research Committee of the Council of the Scientific and Industrial Research Board, New Delhi.

Basic Industries Will Have To Wait

Till National Government Comes Into Existence In India, Says Gandhian Economist

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE Feb 10

Commenting on the post-war economic reconstruction of India as envisaged by a group of a leading Indian industrialists, an eminent economist of the Gandhian school of thought has remarked stating that "I am very much pleased to see that financiers of the calibre of Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas and Seth G. D. Birla, industrialists like the Tatas and an economist of Dr. Mithai's experience have expressed themselves in no uncertain terms as to how they envisage the economic reconstruction of India. What they have put forward is the deep desire of the house-holder as to what sort of a house he wants rather than the detailed blue-print of an architect. I am in complete agreement with their aims and their views that money and finance must be treated as only a means of mobilising the material resources and man-power of the country."

Proceeding, he observed, "In spite of this sentiment being what they are in the scheme they have adumbrated they seem to have contented themselves with compiling everything in terms of money. I also agree with them in the emphasis they lay on the need for a National Government having the full confidence of the people and for the need of small scale and cottage industries in the supply of consumer goods.

Having gone so far, if they had gone one step further and considered what practical steps are to be taken, being placed as we are politically, they would have stumbled on to the foundations laid out by Gandhiji in the form of the All-India Spinners' Association and the All-India Village Industries Association in applying Science to cottage industries in the meanwhile and getting on with that part of the plan which can be tackled without Government aid.

Adding, he said, "Basic industries and agriculture will have to wait and until the Government, entrusted with coercive power and control, becomes responsive to the will of the people. To do otherwise will spell danger. The distributive machinery they are seeking for they will find in the restricted profit motive in the cottage and village industries and in State ownership and control on service basis of basic and centralized industries."

Concluding, he opined, "I am sure, if they probe along the lines they have already laid-out, they will come out in complete alignment with the tunnel we are boring from the other end for the same purpose."

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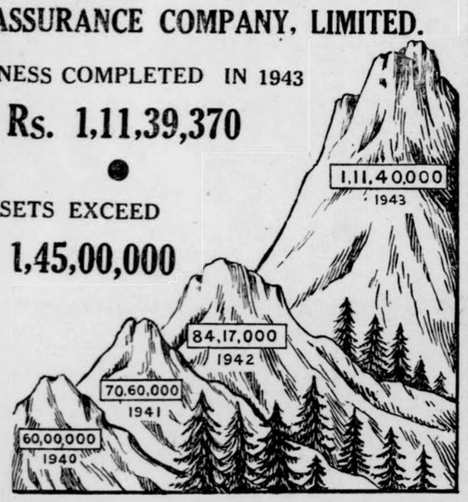

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UNCALLED-FOR AND RETROGRADE MEASURE

A.I.T.U.C. Protest Against Employment Of Women In Mines

The following is the full text of the resolution passed at the meeting of the General Council held at Bombay on 31st January and 1st February 1944.

(1) The General Council of the AITUC having given full consideration to the action of the Government of India in permitting women to work underground in mines, expresses its considered opinions that the Government is wrong in its diagnosis of the causes of the shortage of coal. The General Council is of opinion that the main cause of the shortage of coal is the unwillingness of the owners of mines to increase or even to maintain ordinary production of coal, unless Government permits them to make profits beyond the present permissible limit. The General Council is also of opinion that other contributory causes of the shortage are inadequacy of equipment like tubs and of machinery for cutting and other purposes. The General Council is of opinion that the apparent shortage of labour is due to the desire of owners to secure workers without paying them adequate wages.

(2) The General Council draws the attention of the Government of India to the fact that the rates of wages in the mines industry have always been utterly substandard and almost the lowest in the country, that the cost of living index has gone up to over 240, that the dearness allowance paid and the concession rates of prices of grains together fall short of even compensating adequately for the rise in the cost of living and that real wages of miners are smaller than even the pre-war rates. The miner is not allowed any opportunity of his previous substandard wages to rise to the proper living standard. The General Council considers that the statement made by the Hon'ble Member for Labour that the wages of miners have been increased by 50 per cent without mentioning the fact that the cost of living index has risen to 240, is to say the least, misleading. The pre-war average rate of wages of an Indian miner were not more than Rs. 10 per month and his present earnings including all allowances and concessions do not amount to more than Rs. 15 per month.

(3) The General Council welcomes the proposal of establishing a statutory Miners' Welfare Fund, but holds that the benefits to be received out of the Fund cannot be a substitute for the payment of adequate wages. Excluding the amounts spent in salaries, the monetary value of the actual benefits of the Fund to individual miners will not amount to more than Rs. 2 per month, and moreover, it will be some time from now before any benefits begin actually to accrue to the miners, while the miners are expected from now to be attracted to the work depending upon the future and distant prospect of receiving benefits under the Welfare Fund.

(4) The General Council, therefore, emphatically protests against the action of the Government of India in permitting women to work underground in mines as being retrograde in principle, uncalled for by circumstances, not calculated even to achieve the object aimed at, and involving a breach of an International agreement.

(5) The General Council protests against the proposal of the Government of India to refuse miners to be employed in other better paid employment without their wages for mining work being brought to the level of wages elsewhere. The General Council also protests against the statement made by the Hon'ble Member for Labour that the miner being specially jealous than other workers prefers his wife working with him underground. Like other people, the Indian miner would prefer to get for his own work wages sufficient for the maintenance of his family, so that his wife may not be under the necessity of working undeground, to add to the scanty earnings of her husband.

(6) The General Council suggests to the Government of India that they should immediately cancel the permission given for women's work underground. The General Council suggests that to remove the shortage of coal in the country, Government should, firstly, compel the mine-owners to maintain production at the necessary level or take the mines under their control in cases where the mine-owners fail to do so; secondly, they should enforce a substantial increase in the wage of the miner so that not only will the miners get full compensation for the increased cost of living but that their pre-war substandard of wages will be brought to the proper living standard or at least to the standard of wages in other organised industries in the province.

Government To Maintain And Reconstruct Chari Bund

The Collector of Kolaba and the Commissioner, Southern Division visited Chari and making full inquiries into the strike of the peasants of Chari and neighbouring villages for the last ten years, the Commissioner is understood to have made the declaration that the outer bund which prevents sea-water from rushing into the paddy lands would be reconstructed and kept up by the Government of Bombay, according to the "Konkan-Krishival."

It is understood that half the expenses of the reconstruction of the bund would be borne by Government and half recovered from the landholders whose time-honoured duty it is to keep the bund in tact. Government will see to it that the bund will be properly maintained hereafter.

As a result of this step, about 400 acres of land will again be brought under cultivation and about 800 Khandis of paddy will be produced.

The Chari dispute between the landholders and the cultivator-tenants is now of ten years' standing, several attempts at settlement made by private agencies and the Government having proved fruitless. The last of these attempts was made by Mr. Morarji, Revenue Minister of the Kher Government.

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, Feb 15.

SHARES: After steady decline in quotation, the local Share Bazar developed reactionary tendency with scattered buying and short covering. The recovery was not impressive and while the improvement may continue for some time, it is feared higher levels would attract increased offerings. Tata Steel Dfd Shares opened at Rs 2,080 and improved to Rs. 2,090 Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 410 and rallied to Rs. 413, Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 2,070 and hardened to Rs. 2,100. Century Shares opened at Rs. 1,080 and improved to Rs. 1,095 while Kohinoor Shares opened at Rs 714 and steadied at Rs. 719.

TEXTILE.—Ahmed. Advance 503-8; Apollo 5-6; Bharat Mills 88; Bom. Dyeing 2,105; Central India 461; Century 1,085; Colaba 246; Dawn 1,700; Edward Sassoon 855; Elphinstone 119-8; Finlay 352; Gokak 377; Hindustan 4,125; Ind. Bleaching 224; Ind. United ord. 20-1; Ind. United defd 4-4; Indore Malwa 1,190; Khatau 455; Kohinoor 716; Lakshmi 1,765, Madhowji 28-2; Minerva 315; Model Nagpur 328-4; Madhusudan 545; Meyer Sassoon 233-12; Morarji 825; Mysore xd 307-8; New City 482-8; New Great 453; Phoenix 810; Podar Mills 497-8; Sassoon Spg. 32; Sassoon Silk 105; Sholapur 8,875; Simplex 287; Svadeshi 613; Swan 372-8; Tata Mills 70; Shri Nivas 455; Vishnu 612-8; Western India 3,700.

INSURANCE.—Bombay Life 225; Empire Life 820; Oriental 6,310; Vulcan 20-4; Industrial and Prudential 40-8; Ind. Mercantile 82; Jupiter 42; New India Ass. 85.

HYDRO & ELECTRIC.—Ahmed. Electric 203-12; And. Valley 1,830; Ajmere 14-8; Bom. Suburban 199-6; Bom. Tram ord. 140-12; Broach 13-8; Karachi 252-8; Poona 300; Surat 197-8; Surat New Rs. 50 Pr. 70; Tata Hydro ord. 196-8; Tata Power ord. 1,855.

BANKS.—Baroda Bank 145-8; Bank of India 234; Imperial Bank 1,995; Imperial partly-paid 521-4; Reserve Bank 135; Central Bank 92; Union Bank 10-6; Habib Bank 85-15.

RAILWAY.—Ahmed. Prantej 845; Cent. Prov. 105; Dhond Baramati 118; Gujerat 97; Hoshiarpur Doab 106; Mandra Bhon. 112-4; Mymensing Rebt. 105; Mymensingh Gtd. 104; Sara Sirajganj 108; Sialkot Narowal 125; Sialkot New 54.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Alembic Chem. 388-12; Alcock Ashdown 605; Asso. Cement 218-12; Bom. Burma Old 427-8; Bom. Burnew New 157-8; Bom. Steamer 685; B.B. Petrol 3-3; Belapur 234-8; Dena Trust 29-8; Invest. Trust 68; Prem. Const. 227; Port Canning 104; Scindia 35-12; Shivrajpur 76; Tata Chem. 31-10; Tata Oil 81-12; Tata Ordy. 411; Tata ordy. 411; Tata defd. 2,085; Ind. Radio ord. 500; Ind. Radio defd. 460; Wimco 337; B.I.C. 6-6; Burma Corp. 3-13; Ind. Copper 2-13; Ind. Iron 36-7; Steel Corp. 27-10; New Vict. Ord. 10; H.Co. Bank 62-8; U.Co. Bank 76; Elphin. Pref. 240; Bradbury Pref. 610; Bradbury ord. 452-8; Dharamsi Chem. 75; Jaipur Bank 72.

GOVT. SECURITIES.—2 3/4 per cent 1948-52 Loan 99-14; 3 1/2 per cent G. P. Note 98-13 1/2; 3 per cent 1946 Def. 1st 102-4; 3 per cent 1949-52 2nd 100-14; 3 per cent 1951-54 3rd 100-5; 3 per cent 1953-55 4th Def. 100-2-8; 1963-65 Loan 98-11; 1947-50 Loan 103-5; 1960-70 Loan 112-11; 1955-60 Loan 115-12.

CORP. DEBENTURES.—4 per cent B.P.T. 1974 113-8; 4 per cent M. Deb. 1974 113-8; 5 per cent M. Deb. 1559 121; 6 per cent M. Deb. 1954 130-2; 6 per cent K.P.T. 1956 134.

TAX FREE LOANS.—5 per cent 1945-55 Loan 105-5; 4 per cent 1953-63 Mysore 123-6; 5 per cent Mysore 1955 135-8.

BULLION: Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at 28-8-0. Dollar Sterling Cross Rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/4 at London and 4.03 at New York. London Spot and Forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d and New York Spot Silver stood at 44-3/4 cents. There was renewed speculative buying in silver under the influence of war news and quotation after advancing to Rs. 126-4 reacted to Rs. 125-6 on some realising. Gold was steady at Rs. 71 and about one lakh tolas sales by the Bank were reported. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 71 and Ready Silver stood at Rs. 128 with scarcity of offerings.

Later on there was increased selling and prices ruled quiet. Ready Silver Rs. 127 First Settlement Rs. 125, Ready Gold Rs. 71 First Settlement Rs. 70-15-6.

COTTON: The local market opened steady to-day at Rs 468 for March under the influence of firmness of Silver but prices declined to Rs. 465-8 on increased selling pressure. Later on there was scattered covering and March steadied at Rs. 466-8. It appears that local operators are not inclined to support the market which is gradually reaching lower levels. The general trend remains downward with temporary rallies.

The market was quiet but towards the close there was a sudden spurt on firmness of Gold and Silver and March rose to Rs. 472. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I C C March Rs. 471-8, I C C May Rs. 466-8, I C C July Rs. 470.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton March Contract is below New York March 239 cent points at Exchange Rate 331.

COTTON ARRIVALS: Khandesh 199, Barsi 566, Dholeras 103, Sindh-Punjab 1,079. Total Bales 1,947.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES I C C March highest 473, lowest 467-1/2, closing 467-3/4. I C C May highest 468-1/4, lowest 464, closing 464-1/4. I C C July highest 472, lowest 467-1/4 closing 467-1/4.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb. 14.

March 20.63+08; May 20.24+08; July 19.32+08; October 19.46+13; December 19.29+12; January 19.19+12; Middling Spot unreceived.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March 20.81+09; May 20.44+10; July 20.01+11 October 19.47+09; December 19.28+08; January 19.20+08; Middling Spot unreceived.

NEW YORK COTTON

March 20.64; May 20.30; July 19.85.

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SMALL SAVINGS DRIVE

A scheme called the Small Savings Scheme has been launched by the Government of India for facilitating the purchase of National Savings Certificates by the public. The Government of India will provide the staff to control the organisation connected with the scheme. There will be one National Savings Circle Officer for the whole province, who will have under him Deputy Circle officers, Assistant circle officers and authorised agents, and also a large staff.

Mr. K. R. Mehta Advocate, Federal Court of India, has been appointed the Circle Officer for the Province of Bombay.

Mr. Mehta had a brilliant career at school and college with a number of first classes to his credit. He later worked with the late Mr. F. E. Dinshaw in Payne and Co., and also with the present Advocate-General of Bombay as Counsel in the High Court. Before taking this post he was a professor of law and English at the Government Law College, Bombay, where his services were greatly appreciated by the authorities and students alike. He was also the editor of the College Magazine and his contributions found great favour with the readers. He passed the I.C.S. standing sixth on the list but since there were 7 vacancies of which two were reserved for the schedule classes he did not obtain a post.

The work of this organisation is of great national importance, of permanent importance to India, being a social movement to encourage thrift among the masses, at a time when high wages and agricultural earnings offer perhaps for the first time an opportunity for saving money. It is an anti-inflationary measure and may well prove to be the best safeguard against post-war depression.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Feb. 15.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st 1/6 9/32 1 and 2 months, 1/6 5/16 3 and 4 months.

B. C. RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16, Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32, Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 5/32.

LONDON-NEW YORK: Banks selling T T Rs 332-3/4 D D Rs 332-3/4, Banks buying T T Rs 329-1/2 D D Rs 326-1/2.

LONDON-MONTREAL: Banks selling T T Rs 302-1/2 D D Rs 302-1/2, Banks buying T T Rs 297-3/4 D D Rs 294-3/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady, dull.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent. Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 per cent, 3 to 5 months 1-/2 per cent, 6 to 9 months 3-/4 per cent, 10 to 11 months 1 per cent, and 12 months 1-1/4 per cent.

Tone Easy:—

The Half-Column By "Dim"

In aid of the Civil hospitals Tara Baig and others put on a delightful concert at which Shanti Seldon was the star turn. Among the pieces played was the Brandenburg concerts, conducted by Father Rafael. The Bethehoven piece for the piano played by Miss Seldon could be called "pretty" but one wished she had played something less light on the occasion. The Caesar Frank piece was chaste and austere and Vere De Silva did justice to it. The Schubert piece for the Quartet varied. In parts—specially the Minuet movement—it was delightful. On the whole it was a successful evening and the cause benefited greatly judging from the crowded house which attended the performance. The Governor of Bombay appears to be a keen listener of classical music and as a result of his keenness it is hoped that the talent we have in this country for good music will find ample scope for development and expression. I do feel, however, that organizers of functions like these should be more careful in seeing that tickets are NOT sold to people who go there only to get restless and even talkative, much to the annoyance of others who come there to listen to music—it being made clear that the present writer being in the latter category.

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Zoroastrian writes:—

"In Half Column last Thursday, you advised medical students to request Mr. Bomanji Wadia, the Vice-Chancellor of the University to remove their grievances to which they drew public attention at medical students' conference held last week. The greatest grievance of medical students is or ought to be false and faulty medical teaching. On this point Arnold Bennett, the famous novelist says in a London newspaper article headed "Why doctors do not cure" and reproduced in "Times of India":—

"In many respects the education of medical students is preposterous. Knowledge is still inculcated which has long since been proved to be false knowledge. Futile things are obstinately retained in the curriculum. Important things are obstinately excluded from it. All chronic diseases will remain incurable to conventional medicine unless medical studies are radically reformed."

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SHARE CERTIFICATES for 5 Shares Nos. 21489|90 and 12756|58 in the Colaba Land and Mill Co., Ltd. standing in the name of Mr. Ravishanker Balkrishna Rasane, have been LOST o. MISPLACED. Anybody having any claim against them should intimate to the above Company within one month from this date after which the above Company will issue duplicates.

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4086

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NOTICE re LOSS OF SHARE CERTIFICATE

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4074

NOTICE

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Sub-Rule (2) of Rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules, it is hereby notified that it is an offence for Coal of all description for which priority sanctions have been duly issued by this office to be transferred to any other party or to be used in any other way outside the scope of the sanctions except under specific sanction obtained from this office.

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(7801)

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The undersigned does not agree to accept the lowest or any tender.

(Sd.) A. K. RAMAN,
Additional Director of Civil Supplies (Accounts), Red Bungalow, R.I.S. Compound, Secretariat, Bombay.
7830

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai LILAVATI, wife of Ratilal Bhaidas Daphatary of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to Sadashiv Kondiram Dhavle and the said Sadashiv Kondiram Dhavle has contracted to sell the said property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim of any sort against or to the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office No. 41, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land or ground of Quit and Ground Rent tenure (now redeemed) together with the messuage tenements or dwelling house standing thereon, situate at Khetwadi 9th Lane, outside the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration District and Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurements 286 square Yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 2181, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, and 2179 New Nos. C|9222, 9261, 9258, Old Survey Nos. 806, 807 and 809 and New Survey Nos. 4|5487 and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1054 of Girgaon Division and assessed by the Assessor & Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 2000(2) and Street No. 5A now 15.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1944.

VRAJLAL CO.
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SHIRINBAI FARDUNJI GIARA has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Examiner Press Building, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece of land, containing an area of 533 Square Yards with the building erected thereon known as Diana situate on and being Plots Nos. 734-735 of the Dadar Matunga Estate of the Municipal Corporation for the City of Bombay in the City and Island and Sub-Registration District of Bombay and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 1163 part and Cadastral Survey No. 550|10 of Matunga Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under F Ward No. 6500 (1-2) and Street No. 8 of Road No. 4, Parsi Colony and bounded as follows: on the North-East by Plot No. 733 of the said Estate leased to Sorabji Pestonji Katpitia, on the South-East by a Road Forty Feet in width known as Road No. 4, (Parsi Colony), on the South-West by Plot No. 736 of the said Estate leased to Shivram Dalaya and on the North-West by Plots Nos. 739 to 742 of the said Estate leased to N. P. Wadia and others.

Dated this 14th day of February, 1944.

B. G. PANDIT & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
(7822)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BAI MANBAI, wife of DEVSEY HARPAL has agreed to sell to our client the property described hereunder. All persons having any claim whatsoever are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Central Bank Building, Esplanade Road within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL those pieces or parcels of land, now combined into one, situate at Kandivli Road, off Ghodbunder Road, in the Bombay Suburban District, containing by admeasurement 5.082 sq. yds., or thereabouts consisting of agricultural and non-agricultural land, the agricultural portion whereof bears Survey No. 12, Hissa No. 1; Survey No. 12 A; Survey No. 13, Hissa No. 1 (part) and 2; Survey No. 14, Hissa No. 2; Survey No. 14 A, Hissa No. 1; Survey No. 14 A, Hissa No. 2 and the non-agricultural portion whereof bears Survey No. 14 B, together with the bungalow and the well standing thereon.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1944.

AIBARA & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai SUSHILABAI, wife of Shantaram Sudam Kangutkar of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise, howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office No. 70, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece of land of the Pension and Tax Tenure with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, situate, at Mahim Agar on the West side of Gokhale Road (South) in the Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay containing by admeasurement 4206 square yards or thereabouts be the same a little more or less and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Rent Roll No. 783, New No. 3694, Old Survey No. 414, and New Survey No. 1785, Cadastral Survey No. 1258 of lower Parel Division and assessed by the Municipality under G Ward No. 3139 and Street No. 603 Ward No. 3140, Street No. 604, Ward Nos. 3141 and 3142 Street Nos. 14 and 606 and Ward No. 3144 (2), Street No. 608 A and bounded, on or towards the North by the property of the Church of N. S. Salvacao, on or towards the East formerly by the property of J. C. D. Almeida and now by the property of Bombay Municipality, on or towards the South by Public Passage and on or towards the West formerly by the property of Mrs. John B. Fernandes and now by the property of the Church Missionary Trust Association Ltd.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1944.

DESAI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SIR HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS HOSPITAL an association registered under the Indian Companies Act 1913 has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. All persons having any claim against or to the said property of whatsoever kind or nature are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 36, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:

ALL that piece of redeemed Pension and Tax tenure land, admeasuring 460 square yards bearing Collector's No. 1895, New Survey No. 2|3144 and C. S. No. 1674 of Mandvi Division together with the building standing thereon bearing Municipal "B" Ward No. 3131A and Street Nos. 76 @ 86 1st Chinch Bunder Road and Nos. 35-37 Tantanpura Street, all which premises are situate at the junction of 1ST CHINCH BUNDER ROAD AND TANTANPURA STREET in Bombay and are bounded on the East by the property of Jaffer Shermahomed, on the West by Tantanpura Street, on the North by the properties of Vissanji Babul and another and on the south by First Chinch Bunder Road.

Dated this 15th February, 1944.

GHULAMALI NOORANI & CO.
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(7829)

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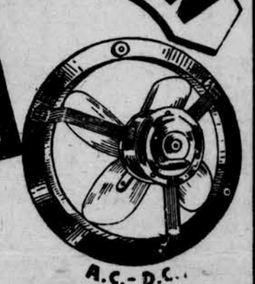

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